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Mr. K. David Waddell  
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Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
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**In Re: All Telephone Companies Tariff Filings )**  
**Regarding Reclassification of Pay Telephone )**  
**Service as Required by Federal Communications )**  
**Commission (FCC) Docket No. 96-128 )**  
**Docket No. 97-00409**

Dear Mr. Waddell:

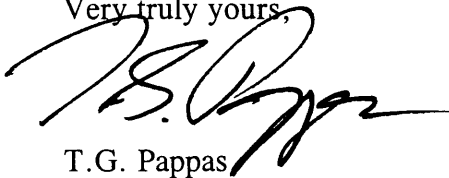
Enclosed please find original and thirteen copies of a Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-styled matter being filed by the Coalition of Tennessee Small Local Exchange Companies.

Director Greer, as Hearing Officer in Docket No. 97-01181 by Notice dated July 12, 2000 gave the Small Telephone Companies three options and this is a portion of option 3 as set out in said Notice.

I am also enclosing our check in the amount of \$25.00 for filing fee for the Coalition. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to let me know.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



T.G. Pappas

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Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>ALL TELEPHONE COMPANIES</b>	)	
<b>TARIFF FILINGS REGARDING</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 97-00409</b>
<b>RECLASSIFICATION OF PAY</b>	)	
<b>TELEPHONE SERVICE AS REQUIRED</b>	)	
<b>BY FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	)	
<b>COMMISSION (FCC) DOCKET 96-128.</b>	)	

**PETITION OF THE COALITION OF  
TENNESSEE SMALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES  
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

COMES the Tennessee Small Local Exchange Companies Coalition, (the “Coalition”) consisting of the following companies: (1) Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.; (2) the Century Tel, Inc. Companies in Tennessee consisting of (a) Century Tel of Adamsville, Inc.; (b) Century Tel of Claiborne, Inc.; and (c) Century Tel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.; (3) Loretto Telephone Company, Inc.; (4) the TDS TELECOM Companies in Tennessee consisting of (a) Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.; (b) Humphreys County Telephone Company; (c) Tellico Telephone Company; and (d) Tennessee Telephone Company; (5) the Telephone and Electronics Corp. (“TEC”) Companies in Tennessee consisting of (a) Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.; (b) Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.; and (c) West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.; and (6) United Telephone Company, Inc. and respectfully petition the Tennessee Regulatory

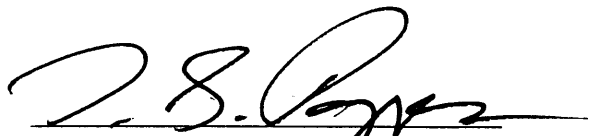
Authority ("TRA") to permit them to intervene in the above-styled Docket. In support of their Petition to Intervene, the Intervenors state as follows:

1. The Intervenors are: (a) all Tennessee Corporations; (b) all local exchange carriers serving portions of the State of Tennessee; (c) all may or could be affected by the TRA's decision in the above docket; and (d) all are subject to the TRA's Rule 1220-4-6.

2. This Petition is being filed pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A § 65-2-107, at least seven (7) days before the hearing which has not been set as yet.

3. The Intervenors submit that the intervention sought in this proceeding is: (a) in the interest of justice; (b) permitted by statute; (c) will not impair the orderly or prompt conduct of the proceedings; and (d) "...is for the limited purpose of commenting on the proposed rates filed by the current parties to Docket 97-00409." (See Notice in Docket 97-01181, dated July 12, 2000, copy attached.)

WHEREFORE, the Intervenors respectfully requests the TRA that they be permitted to intervene in this Docket for the limited purpose as set out above.

  
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COMPANIES COALITION

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a true and exact copy of the foregoing Petition To Intervene by the Coalition of Tennessee Small Local Exchange Companies, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2000, upon the following:

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**NOTICE**

**DOCKET** 97-01181

**IN RE:** Small Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding Reclassification of Pay Telephone Service as Required by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Docket 96-128

**DATE:** July 12, 2000

FCC Order 96-128 requires that all local exchange carriers have rates established that comply with the FCC Order 96-128. Such rates will be applied retroactively to April 15, 1997. On July 11, 2000, a pre-hearing conference was held in Docket No. 97-00409. *In Re: All Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding Reclassification of Pay Telephone Service as Required by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Docket 96-128.* At this pre-hearing conference, the Hearing Officer established the following procedural schedule for Docket No. 97-00409:

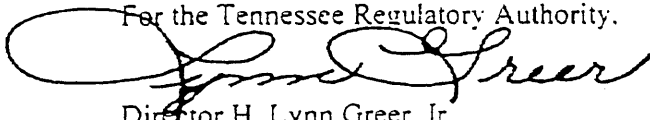
- Discovery requests must be filed with the Authority and served on all parties by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2000.
- Responses to Discovery must be filed with the Authority and served on all parties by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 15, 2000.
- Proposed payphone access line rates with detailed cost support shall be filed with the Authority and served on all parties no later than Friday, September 15, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.
- Pre-filed Direct Testimony shall be filed with the Authority and served on all parties no later than Friday, September 15, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.
- Discovery requests must be filed with the Authority and served on all parties by 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2000. Such requests shall be limited to the information contained in the September 15, 2000 filings.
- Responses to Discovery must be filed with the Authority and served on all parties by 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 2000.
- Rebuttal to Pre-filed Direct Testimony shall be filed with the Authority and served on all parties no later than Friday, October 6, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

The Hearing Officer also ruled at the July 11, 2000. pre-hearing conference that the following options for proceeding in Docket No. 97-01181 would be considered:

1. Combine the proceedings and permit local exchange companies not under price regulation to file proposed rates in Docket No. 97-00409 pursuant to the above procedural schedule;
2. Maintain separate proceedings and permit the local exchange companies not under price regulation to file proposed rates in Docket No. 97-01181; or
3. Maintain separate proceedings and allow local exchange companies not under price regulation to intervene in Docket No. 97-00409 for the limited purpose of commenting on the proposed rates filed by the current parties to Docket No. 97-00409.

All parties in Docket No. 97-01181 are hereby requested to file comments on these options by July 21, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. Any motion to modify the schedule for filing comments must be made in writing and filed with the office of the Executive Secretary. Copies of any motion must be served on all parties. All parties are entitled to be represented by counsel.

For the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.



Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr.  
Hearing Officer

c: Parties of Record